

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY PROFILE

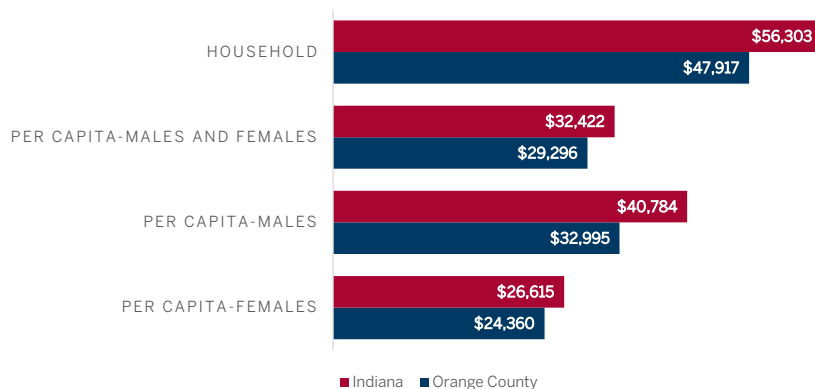
Facts, figures, and things to know about the people and places in Orange County.

Household Demographics

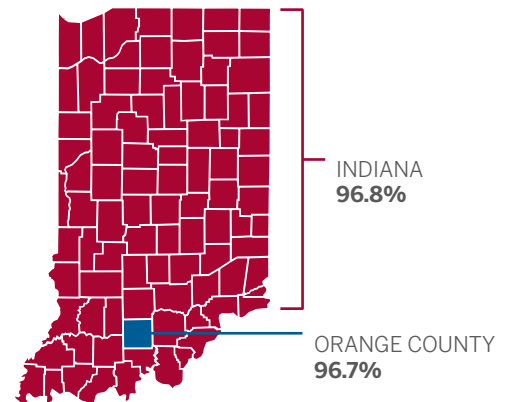
According to population estimates, there are 19,545 people who live in Orange County.¹

The median household income for Orange County is approximately \$8,500 lower than the state average.² There is a notable wage disparity between women and men in the county, with women earning approximately \$8,500 less than men on average. This pay gap is much lower than the state average of about \$14,000.³ The employment rate for Orange County is about the same as the state average, with most residents of Orange County being employed.⁴

MEDIAN INCOME FOR NON-DISABLED ADULTS

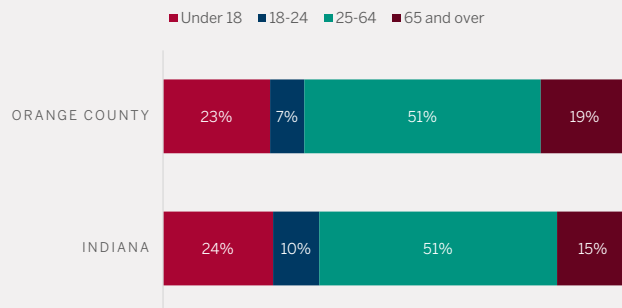


ADULTS EMPLOYED



The median age for Orange County is approximately five years higher than the state's median age. Orange County has a very similar age distribution as the rest of the state, with slightly more residents age 65 and higher than the state average.⁵

PERCENT OF POPULATION



MEDIAN AGE

37.7
INDIANA

42.4
ORANGE COUNTY

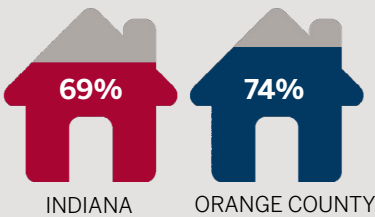


In need of a local, low-cost way to recycle, the residents of Orange County created the **Orange County Recycling Co-Op**. The OCRC is a testament to how determined the residents in Orange County are to finding solutions to local challenges.⁶

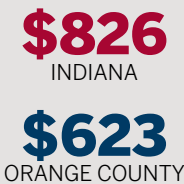
Housing

Orange County residents are slightly more likely to own their home than the average Hoosier. Residents also pay about \$200 less in monthly rent payments on average.⁷ Approximately 56 percent of the homes in Orange County are 40 years or older, and 53 percent are worth less than \$100,000.⁸ Multi-family housing comprises approximately 8 percent of housing options in Orange County, and 14 percent of houses in the county are vacant. About 12 percent of households in Orange County qualify as having a severe housing problem (overcrowding, high housing costs, or lack of kitchen or plumbing facilities), which is slightly lower than the state average.⁹

PERCENT OF OWNER-OCCUPIED HOUSING UNITS



MEDIAN RENT PAYMENT

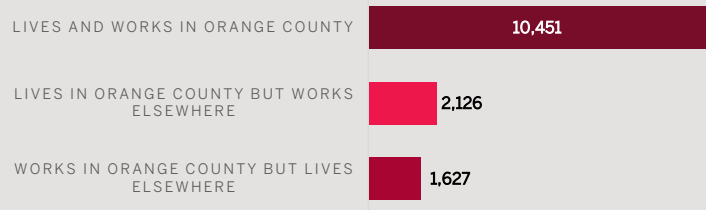


HOUSING CHALLENGES

BUILT PRIOR TO 1980	55.5%
HOUSES VALUED AT LESS THAN 100K	52.7%
MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING	7.5%
VACANT HOUSING UNITS	14.3%

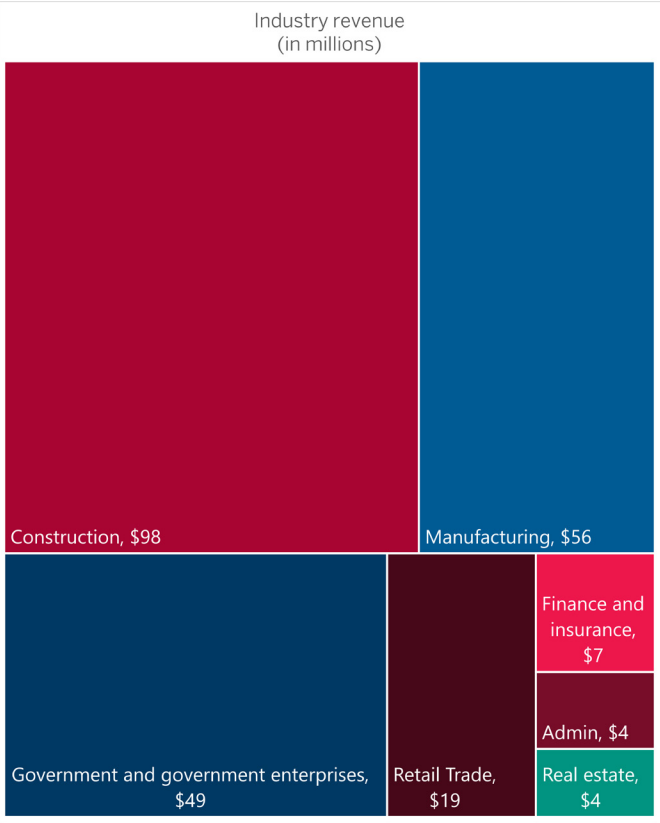
COMMUTING

Almost 75 percent of Orange County workers both work and live in their county of residence, with over ten thousand people working and living in the county. 15 percent of workers live in Orange County and work elsewhere, and another 11 percent live in a different county and work in Orange county.¹⁰



Industry

The top three industries in Orange County are Construction, Accommodation and Food Services, and Manufacturing.¹¹ The top three major employers in the county are French Lick Spring Resort and Spa, West Baden Springs Hotel, and Electricom LLC, located in French Lick, West Baden Springs, and Paoli, respectively.¹²



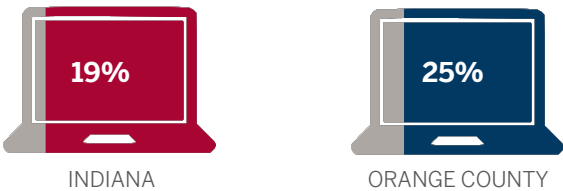
Technology

Access to the internet provides communities with a number of opportunities, from educational tools, to telemedicine, to the ability for local businesses to sell to people around the world. High speed broadband (25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload) allows for the most effective use of new technology that links rural communities to resources worldwide.¹³ The median household in Orange County has internet speeds lower than the definition of broadband internet, and about 25 percent of households in the county have no internet access at all.¹⁴

MEDIAN DOWNLOAD ↑ UPLOAD SPEED (MBPS)



PERCENT OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH NO INTERNET ACCESS



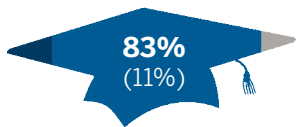
Educational Attainment

Orange County is home to three school districts, the Orleans Community School Corporation, the Paoli Community School Corporation, and the Springs Valley Community School Corporation. Approximately 83 percent of Orange County residents age 25 years or older are high school graduates and 11 percent of county residents have a bachelor's degree or higher. Both statistics are below the state averages of 89 percent and 27 percent, respectively.¹⁵ About 92 percent of high school graduates in Orange County complete their degree within four years.¹⁶ In comparison to the rest of the state, students in Orange County are more likely to pass the ISTEP 10th grade math and language arts exams combined, with approximately 42 percent of students passing.¹⁷ 12th grade students in Orange County are more likely to take the SAT than the ACT; about 58 percent of 12th grade students take the SAT while 17 percent take the ACT.¹⁸

% WITH HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA (BACHELOR'S DEGREE)



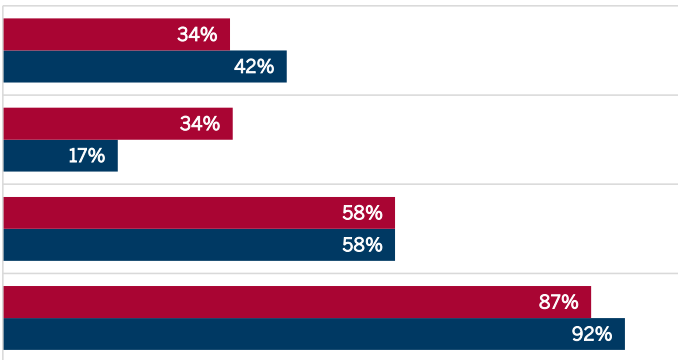
INDIANA



ORANGE COUNTY

COMBINED ISTEP PASS IN ENGLISH AND MATH
12TH GRADERS TAKING ACT
12TH GRADERS TAKING SAT
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES IN 4 YEARS

COLLEGE READINESS

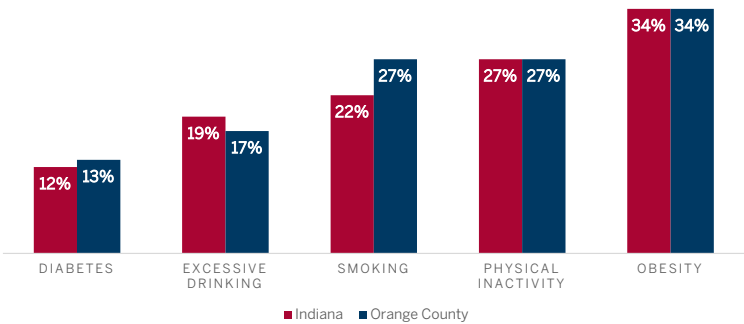


■ Indiana ■ Orange

Health

Orange County residents are about as healthy as the average Hoosier. Health indicators for Orange County indicate that residents are just as likely to be diagnosed with diabetes, be physically inactive, and be obese as the rest of Indiana. They are slightly less likely to drink excessively and more likely to smoke than the state average.¹⁹

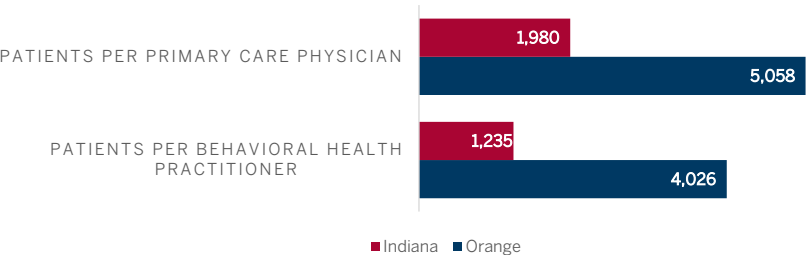
HEALTH RISK FACTORS



■ Indiana ■ Orange County

Health Provider Ratios

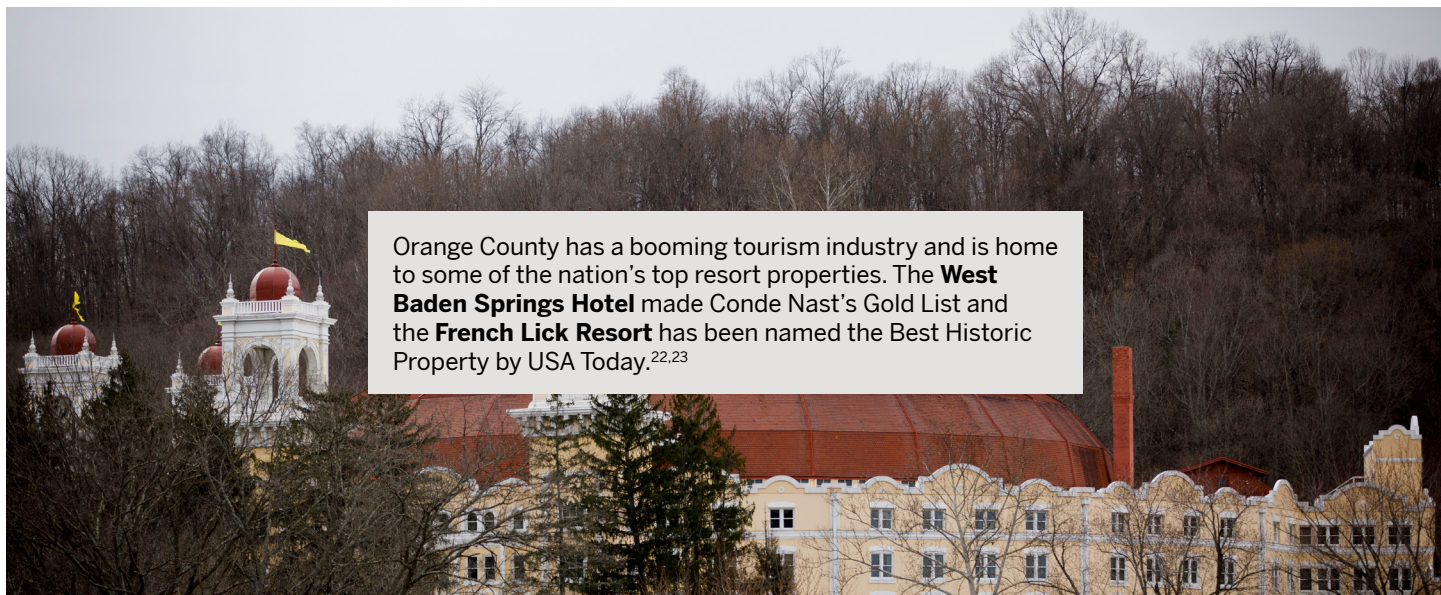
NUMBER OF PATIENTS PER PROVIDER



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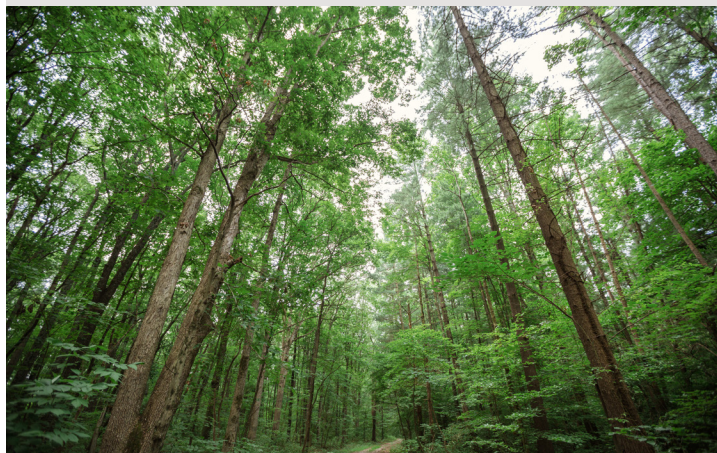
Medical and behavioral health providers can help address issues such as diabetes, obesity, smoking, and excessive alcohol consumption, and they can provide assistance to those struggling with mental health and substance use—issues currently facing many Hoosiers. Residents of Orange County have less access to both primary care physicians and behavioral health practitioners than the average Hoosier. In Orange County, there is one primary care physician available for every 5,058 residents and one behavioral health practitioner available for every 4,026 residents.^{20,21}

Highlights



Orange County has a booming tourism industry and is home to some of the nation's top resort properties. The **West Baden Springs Hotel** made Conde Nast's Gold List and the **French Lick Resort** has been named the Best Historic Property by USA Today.^{22,23}

Residents and visitors alike will find opportunities to explore the outdoors in Orange County. There are more than 32,000 acres of federally-protected forest area, according to the National Forest Service. The **Hoosier National Forest**, which spans several counties in southern Indiana, provides numerous recreational opportunities such as hiking, camping, and cycling.²⁴



Many Orange County youth participate in the **4-H Club** each year. Through the four Hs (head, heart, hands, health), students in 14 clubs across the county learn everything from agriculture to robotics. While completing their 4-H projects, youth learn citizenship, leadership, responsibility, and other key life skills.²⁵

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